

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 505 without my signature.

While I concur that counties must ensure that adequate fire protection is available in an area before approving additional development, I am concerned that this bill will result in additional General Fund costs and create significant cost pressures to maintain State Responsibility Areas and fire hazard severity zone maps. In addition, I am also concerned with the cost pressures this bill will place upon local governments to implement this measure.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger